

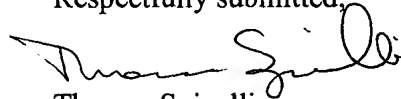
**REMARKS**

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-identified application prior to examination.

By means of the present Preliminary Amendment, the claims and specification have been amended. Specifically, with regard to the claims, claims 1-7 have been canceled and claims 8-27 have been added. With regard to the specification, the same has been amended to conform to U.S. practice and style.

In view of the above, early and favorable consideration are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Spinelli", written over the typed name.

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